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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examining the above-identified national phase patent application, please amend the application as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 3-7, 9-10, 12-15, and 17, as follows:

1. A transformant  
 wherein at least one kind of gene expression cassette comprising a polyester synthesis-associated enzyme gene has been introduced into a yeast.
2. The transformant according to Claim 1  
 wherein the polyester is a copolymer resulting from the to copolymerization of 3-hydroxyalkanoic acids of the following general formula (1);

